



## United States Department of State *Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration* 2018 Global Funding and Projects

The State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) aims to be a catalyst to elevate the issue of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in conflict-affected settings – and, ultimately to improve dialogue, evidence, response, innovation, coordination, and leadership. In 2013, PRM and USAID/OFDA launched a joint signature initiative, *Safe from the Start* (SftS), which is an endeavor to better address the needs of women and girls and others at risk of GBV by changing the way the humanitarian community responds to GBV in emergencies. In addition, PRM allocates specific funding to support *global innovation* in the field of GBV. Both initiatives complement regional, country-specific GBV programming and interventions. The following are the new, global projects that were funded by PRM in FY 2018:

### **SAFE FROM THE START PROJECTS**

#### **International Committee of the Red Cross:**

##### ***2018 Special Appeal on Sexual Violence***

This contribution is in support of ICRC's multi-year commitments to build on the achievements and successes from previous years and help sustain the momentum around addressing this issue within ICRC. The ICRC strives to make progress in the following areas: increase the level of concrete and specific reporting in order to illustrate more accurately the organization's efforts; facilitate monitoring, evaluation and learning exercises to track the results of its activities; and, ensure the response to sexual violence is embedded across all ICRC programs. ICRC will also improve its internal and external awareness-raising and capacity-building efforts for those delegations working on the issue of assessing, understanding, and responding to sexual violence. This includes the carrying out of research, further development of internal guidance and tools as well as increased efforts to enable internal sharing of knowledge and experience.

#### **International Organization for Migration:**

##### ***Promoting Reduction of and Improved Operational Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through Camp Management and Site Planning***

This project will continue IOM's momentum in deepening the integration of actions to address GBV into camp management and shelter responses. IOM will do this through strengthening practices, standards, and tools, as well as documenting lessons for addressing vulnerabilities and risks faced by women and girls. IOM will also operationalize its GBV in Crises Institutional Framework while noting progress around systematic response to GBV in emergencies. In addition, IOM aims to strengthen in-country sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) networks and Humanitarian Country Teams to further increase the capacity of humanitarian actors to address SEA. Lastly, IOM will support collective efforts such as the GBV Area of Responsibility and IASC GBV Guidelines, as well as mainstreaming of GBV into Camp Management and Shelter Cluster standards and practices.

#### **UN Children's Fund:**

##### ***Creating and Promoting Learning and Knowledge on Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings: Supporting the Sector Globally to programme "Safe from the Start"***

UNICEF will continue its work on risk mitigation as well as promoting learning for the global sector. UNICEF will do this by leveraging the work already undertaken on the roll-out of the IASC GBV Guidelines and taking it one step further in terms of identifying ways of measuring impact. They will also open up an innovative GBV in emergencies Helpdesk – to benefit the

entire GBV AoR community. In addition, UNICEF plans to work across sectors and contexts to think through possible costing methodologies for critical areas of GBV programming, in order to promote learning and knowledge both for the field and for policymakers.

#### **UN High Commissioner for Refugees:**

##### ***A renewed PRM and UNHCR partnership to prevent, mitigate and respond to sexual and gender-based violence in humanitarian emergencies:***

UNHCR is driving a shift and strengthening the way it approaches GBV prevention, mitigation, and response. They will do this through developing and rolling out its policy and operationalizing field activities in three areas: Accountability and Institutionalization; Quality Control and Management; and Leadership and Coordination. UNHCR will provide technical support and capacity building through workshops, deployments, mentoring, trainings, operational guidance and resource dissemination. This will support field implementation and improve GBV response and risk mitigation through integrated programming, better impact evaluations, and improved case management and information management.

#### **World Health Organization:**

##### ***Institutionalizing and Strengthening the Capacity to Address Gender-Based Violence in the Health Cluster and in WHO's Emergency Work***

WHO aims to continue to strengthen the capacity of the health sector to address GBV in refugee, displacement and conflict settings by providing technical support in six emergency contexts, building the capacity of health providers, strengthening responses to GBV within health sector coordination, and developing technical guidance for health actors on GBV which is adapted to humanitarian settings. This project will further institutionalize the response to GBV in the health sector by promoting the prioritization of GBV internally within WHO as well as reinforcing interagency linkages to promote collaboration between health and protection actors.

## **INNOVATION PROJECTS**

#### **The Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University:**

##### ***Empowered Aid: Transforming gender and power dynamics in the distribution of humanitarian aid***

This 3-year project aims to make the distribution of life-saving goods (such as food, non-food items, and potentially cash support) safer for women and girls by reducing risks of sexual exploitation and abuse. It is a multi-component research study that aims to generate evidence that will assist the humanitarian community to reduce power disparities and risks for experiencing sexual exploitation and abuse through distribution mechanisms. It will also test, document, and disseminate innovative approaches to make distributions safer for refugee women and girls. Together with GWI and operational partners, members of the affected population will guide the identification and prioritization of ways to improve the modalities used for distributing aid.

#### **International Rescue Committee:**

##### ***Listen Up! Amplifying the voice of women in prevention and response to sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian settings***

This project will amplify the voices and power of refugee women and girls to catalyze institutional reform, interagency action, and increased resources to reduce Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in humanitarian settings. IRC will do this through a 3-year project through a multi-level, multi component, and women's rights approach that includes bringing together 15 women's leaders to jointly inform and help develop a refugee platform that measures action to



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address GBV and SEA through a global index. This will inform a model for transformation within organizational culture, in which staff support gender equality in their work.

### **International Rescue Committee:**

#### ***Preventing and Responding to Early Marriage in Crisis***

IRC aims to build the capacity of global humanitarian actors to support, protect and empower adolescent girls in crisis from early marriage and other forms of gender-based violence. Over the course of the 36-month project period, IRC will develop an innovative package of practical guidance and tools dedicated to early marriage prevention and response in crisis for adolescent girls. The package on early marriage will include existing components from an IRC resource called Girl Shine, that has been designed to address the forms of GBV adolescent girls face, in order to highlight the importance of addressing early marriage in humanitarian interventions. It will also include guidance and tools for service providers to tackle attitudes towards adolescent girls and their right to access specialized, quality services.

### **Mercy Corps:**

#### ***Energy in Emergencies - Mitigating Risks of GBV (EEMRG): A toolkit to design access to energy programming in emergency that is responsive to women and girls needs and mitigates risk of GBV***

The aim of this 2-year project is to reduce risks of GBV in emergencies by strengthening the capacity of humanitarian actors to design projects that enable greater and sustainable access to energy (e.g., electrification/power, clean cooking) at the various stages of an emergency. Mercy Corps' toolkit will help humanitarians design projects that specifically target the energy needs of women and girls, enhancing their opportunities to play a central role in energy value chains, and help mitigate risks to GBV. Through projects, tools, and forums, humanitarian actors will use market-driven approaches and energy initiatives to address the needs of women and girls.

### **UN Women:**

#### ***Addressing Gender-Based Violence and enhancing Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Refugee, Displaced and Other Crisis-Affected Women and Girls through the Grand Bargain<sup>1</sup>***

UN Women aims to improve leadership, empowerment, coordination, accountability and policy coherence for addressing GBV and promoting gender equality and the empowerment of refugee, displaced and other crisis-affected women and girls. They will do this by institutionalizing issues and strengthening accountability related to GBV and gender equality through the Grand Bargain and its work areas. This will be achieved through support to and coordinated advocacy with signatories of the Grand Bargain, as well as continued work to ensure that GBV and gender equality are prominent in work streams, including the guidance and knowledge products coming from them, and strengthening the capacity and facilitation of the Friends of Gender Group.

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### **PRM FY 2018 FUNDING**

- **GBV INNOVATION and LEARNING** **\$4.4 million**
- **SAFE FROM THE START** **\$18.6 million**
- **TOTAL SAFE FROM THE START AND GBV INNOVATION FUNDING: \$23 million**

**GRAND TOTAL, INCLUDING REGIONAL GBV PROGRAM FUNDING: nearly \$51.5 million**